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Activists held a protest outside the Liaison Office to call for the release of mainland lawyer Xu Zhiyong

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## WORLD BRIEFS

**HONG KONG'S** Air Quality Health Index recorded 'very high' health risk at one of the three roadside-monitoring stations, according to data from the Environmental Protection Department. The index was 8 on a scale of 1 to 10+ in Central and Causeway Bay and 7 or "high" in Causeway Bay as of 1 p.m. local time. A cross-border ferry carrying more than 80 passengers also collided with a container ship in New Territories' Tuen Mun amid poor visibility in thick fog, the South China Morning Post reported.

**S KOREA** A resort auditorium's roof loaded down with snow and rain collapses during a welcoming ceremony for South Korean university freshmen, killing 10 and injuring more than 100. More on p12

**VIETNAM** A Vietnamese appeals court has upheld the conviction and 30-month prison sentence against a U.S.-trained lawyer and well-known dissident found guilty of tax evasion in a case that international rights groups say was politically motivated. The court in Hanoi rejected Le Quoc Quan's appeal after a half-day trial yesterday. His lawyer Ha Huy Son quotes judges as saying they found no new evidence, and that the conviction by the intermediate court was well founded.

**INDIA'S** Supreme Court has commuted the death sentences for three men convicted in the 1991 assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. The three were among 26 convicted of playing minor roles in the May 1991 assassination, but were the only ones left on death row after the others were released or had their sentences commuted earlier. More on p12

**PAKISTAN** Former Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf appeared yesterday for the first time in front of a court tasked with deciding whether he committed high treason, a sharp blow for a man who was once the most powerful in Pakistan.

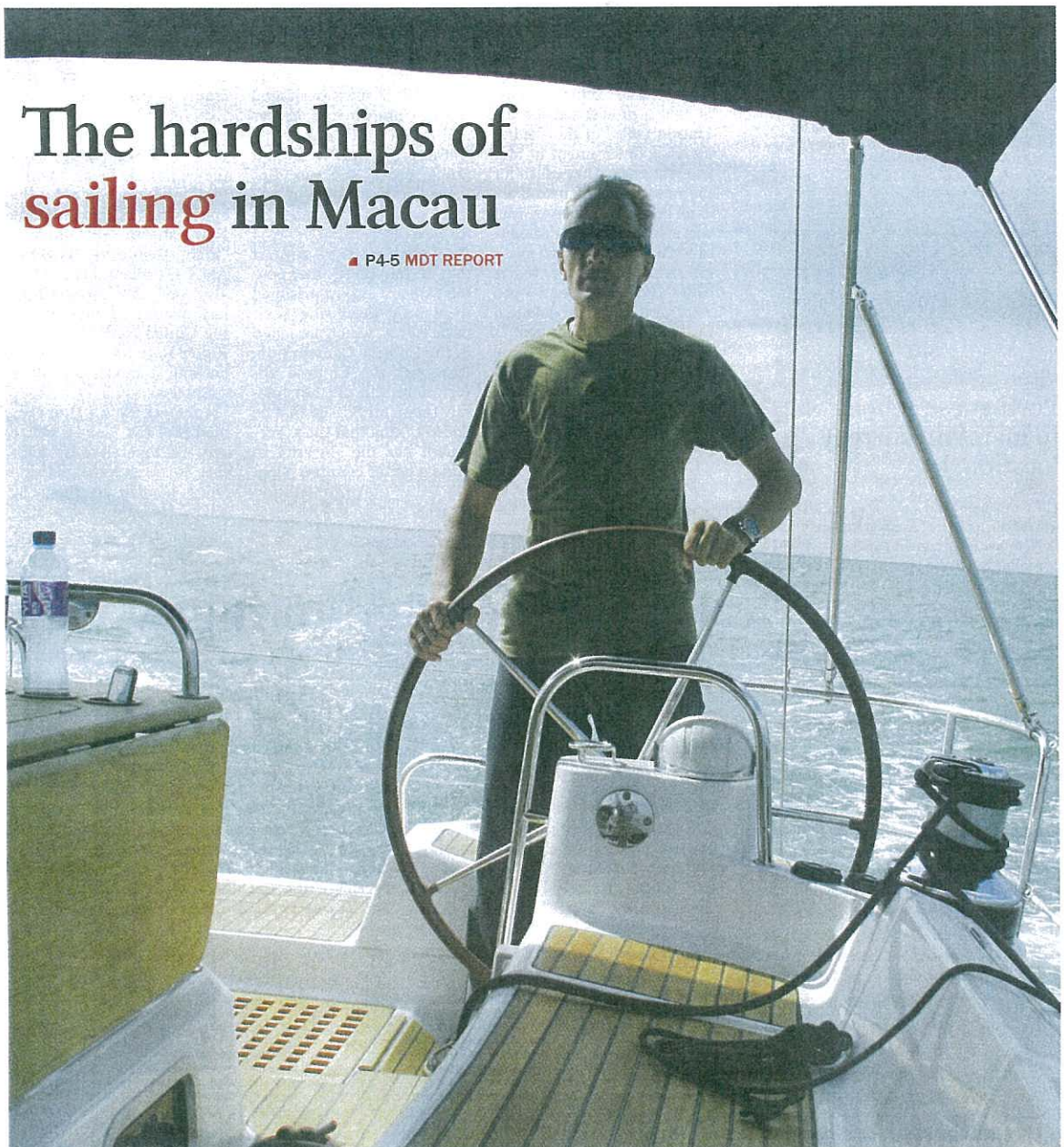
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## ART

# Local-born artist auctions paintings to help renovate Chinese schools

Catarina Pinto

**C**ANAL Cheong Jagerroos is a true world citizen. She has visited over 80 countries and showcased her artwork across the globe, but the beginning of her story can be traced to Macau, her hometown. Now, wanting to share her paintings with those who live in the city, the contemporary artist is presenting a solo exhibition, "Pure Affection," which will be inaugurated this Friday at the Rui Cunha Foundation. On display until March 21, the paintings will then be auctioned to raise funds for Chinese schools in need of renovation work.

Six of the paintings included in the exhibit had previously traveled to Venice, in Italy, for one of the most prestigious art events: the Biennale. It was the first time Canal had participated in the event: "The Biennale was very special for me; we all want to participate in it as it is one of the most prestigious art events and it was an extraordinary experience, through which I've met many famed artists," she recalled during a press conference held yesterday at the Rui Cunha Foundation.

Having had the opportunity to display her work in such crucial events, Canal Cheong Jagerroos, who now lives in Finland, wanted to return to her roots. She stated, "I have my roots here and I wish to show the paintings here and keep them with Macau people."

Inspired by the Chinese culture, poems, nature and the



unique experiences she had while having lived in so many different countries, Canal's work incorporates "creative techniques that involve using multiple layers of rice paper, acrylic paint, ink, and traditional Chinese pigments and mixed mediums to derive a sense of depth on canvas," the Rui Cunha Foundation expressed in a statement.

Following the exhibition, the paintings will be auctioned and the collected funds will be donated to schools needing renovation works done in mainland China. "A friend showed me a picture of a school in China, where students had to

take classes in shifts because there was a leak and water was dropping onto the students. They don't have enough ta-

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CANAL CHEONG JAGERROOS

bles. I wanted to help in some way," Canal revealed.

According to João Tuibal Gonçalves, vice-president of Rui Cunha's Foundation board of directors, it will be a silent auction, in which Canal will establish a minimum price for each painting and bids will then be written on paper and submitted in an envelope.

Rui Cunha, president of the foundation, stated that it was an honor to receive Canal Cheong Jagerroos's paintings in the gallery. "We would like to see other Macau artists enjoying the same success and following in Canal's example," he stressed.

Having studied Fine Arts at the Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts and Graphic Design at the Open University of Hong Kong, Canal eventually left Asia and lived in many countries across the globe due to her husband's job. Now, both have settled in Finland with their two children.

Returning to Macau every year to see her family, what Canal sees is constant change. "I see the change is really big, due to the development of the casino industry. Macau used to be calmer, and now when I walk in the streets, I see so many people. But I think Macau is evolving in a good direction," she said.

On exhibition until March 21, some of the paintings feature the contradictory issues brought by the internet's development. "The concept behind pure affection is the idea that we live in a globalized world, which revolves around the internet," she explained, adding that in the paintings she wanted to portray both negative and positive aspects of this globalized era.

In addition to the exhibit, the Rui Cunha Foundation will also be organizing a series of extended events, such as "Canal in Conversation," a seminar hosted by Macau-based artist Denis Murrell, guided tours around Macau addressing school students and conducted by Canal in person, and, of course, the charity auction event.

The opening of the exhibition is scheduled for this Friday at 6:30 p.m.

## Air Macau predicts more competition ahead

**A**IR Macau has indicated that, even if it suffers greater losses in the future due to the increase in competition (brought by the new aviation agreement between Macau and Taiwan), the local airline operator will continue to provide services to local and Taiwan residents. Yang Jian Hua, Vice-President of Air Macau, told TDM that the demand for flights between Macau and Taiwan has

dropped below supply following the allowance of direct flights between the island and the mainland, and this demand is continuing to decline. He revealed that the number of passengers that took the company's Macau-Taiwan-Macau route in 2013 was 70,000 less than the year before. The four daily flights operated by Air Macau were also only 70 percent full. Mr Yang said that his company sustained

an annual loss of MOP30 million on this route in 2012 and that figure doubled last year.

The Vice-President hopes that the Chinese central government will further develop the individual visiting scheme for mainland residents to Taiwan in order to replenish the customer pool. He also stated that the new agreement will help to develop the aviation industries on both sides of the Taiwan Strait.

